

The Wireless Medical Monitoring System ensures that medical triage can be performed effectively by medics on the battlefield, and that medical information about the casualty is retained to improve treatment following evacuation. The system includes a stick-on sensor that integrates pulse oximetry, blood pressure, temperature, skin humidity, and electrocardiograms into a single unit. Information from these units is broadcast to a single monitoring screen used by the medic, using Wi-Fi technology. The U.S. Army and the National Trauma Institute are currently conducting comprehensive clinical trials across numerous Level 1 Trauma Centers using this system.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: HyperAcute Vaccine Development

Amount Provided: \$4,500,000

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army

Recipient: BioProtection Systems Corporation

Recipient's Street Address: 2901 S. Loop Drive, Suite 3360, Ames, IA 50010

Description: The project objective is to develop anti-viral vaccines for use against Ebola, Crimean Congo and other biological warfare agents. Although millions of dollars have been spent on Biological Defense over the past several years, only a handful of vaccines/medications have been developed to counter known threats. Unfortunately, most have proven to be weak and impractical to administer because they require multiple doses for protection or treatment. Importantly, these vaccines would not protect against genetically engineered biological weapons, which are relatively easy to produce. The vaccine technology is being developed to (1) enhance current vaccines, making them more effective and practical for use, (2) generate vaccines for known threats where a vaccine does not exist, and (3) develop a vaccine platform that could be adapted for newly developed biological agents. This request covers the third year in a three-year development plan for this vaccine technology, which was selected by the Department of Defense to satisfy existing military requirements, and has received funding through the National Institutes of Health, and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Advanced Live, Virtual, and Constructive (LVC) Training Systems

Amount Provided: \$3,500,000

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army

Recipient: Iowa State University
Recipient's Street Address: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011-2035

Description: The Virtual Reality Applications Center (VRAC) located at Iowa State University has a scientific team leading research in the development of advanced software prototypes that utilize immersive virtual warfighting environments, in collaboration with the U.S. Army. Keeping up with the unique demands of urban combat and ever-changing environments in counterinsurgency warfare requires flexible and adaptive training systems that can be modified rapidly and deployed effectively in the field. This project is intended to help the Department of Defense meet its training objective to ensure soldiers can improvise and adapt to emerging challenges.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Multi-Utility Materials for Army Future Combat Systems

Amount Requested: \$1,000,000

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army

Recipient: Iowa State University
Recipient's Street Address: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011-2035

Description: This initiative is designed to enable Iowa State University, in partnership with Florida A&M University and the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, to support the U.S. Army in developing and evaluating weapons and protective armor materials, with emphasis on survivability. This includes the development of new materials and non-destructive techniques to assure that the materials have the desired properties to provide the best and most reliable physical protection to the soldier.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Low Cost GPS Receivers

Amount Provided: \$4,000,000

Account: Defense Production Act

Recipient: Rockwell Collins

Recipient's Street Address: 400 Collins Rd., Cedar Rapids, IA, 52498

Description: This initiative is funded under the "Defense Production Act," which ensures that certain products are manufactured in America—for national security reasons. The primary objective of the program is to bring production of the "substrate" used to construct military GPS microchips back to the U.S. from overseas. The funding will also further development of the next generation military GPS receiver, which will be smaller, more accurate, more secure, and cheaper to produce. Cost savings will allow the purchase of a higher number of receivers so that each squad of soldiers could have one. Due to the current shortage of military GPS units, soldiers are purchasing and using commercial handheld devices that are highly vulnerable to electronic interference, jamming, and spoofing.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF ACT OF 2009"

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, today I introduce legislation, the "Medical Debt Relief Act of 2009," which would protect those hard-working Americans who play by the rules, pay or settle their medical debts, yet find their economic well-being and their credit scores adversely affected for years due to medical debt, large or small, that has gone to collection.

The "Medical Debt Relief Act of 2009" would prohibit all consumer credit agencies and creditors from using paid off or settled medical debt collection in assessing a consumer's creditworthiness.

Medical debt is unique. Americans don't choose when accidents happen or when illness strikes. Medical debt collection issues affect both insured and uninsured.

According to credit evaluators, medical debt collections are more likely to be in dispute, inconsistently reported, and of questionable

value in predicting future payment performance because it is atypical and non-predictive.

Nevertheless, medical debt that has been completely paid off or settled can significantly damage a consumer's credit score for years. As a result, consumers can be denied credit or pay higher interest rates when buying a home or obtaining a credit card.

The issue of medical debt affects millions. In fact, according to the Commonwealth Fund, medical bill problems or accrued medical debt affects roughly 72 million working-age adults in American. For 2007, 28 million working-age American adults were contacted by a collection agency for unpaid medical bills.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF ROUND ROCK, TX

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the City of Round Rock and its staff for their great work within our area with the Adopt-a-Unit Program. The City of Round Rock adopted soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The city provided troops with supplies, and support over the last year during their deployment to Iraq. Jill Goodman and Eric Whitfield were key players in the city's operation to offer support to these soldiers and their families.

I appreciate the work and dedication of the City of Round Rock staff and citizens and look forward to all that their efforts will bring in the future.

It is an honor to recognize the City of Round Rock for its great work.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOSEPH CANNON HOUGHTELING

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2009

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Bay Area icon, Joseph Cannon Houghteling, who passed away at his home on June 23, 2009, in San Francisco, California, at the age of 84. He was a distinguished American, a dedicated publisher, and a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Joe Houghteling was born in San Francisco and attended Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. He graduated from Yale in 1947 and throughout his life lived in Palo Alto, Los Gatos, Atherton and Portola Valley.

In the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s, Joe Houghteling and his partners published a string of newspapers that included the Los Gatos Times-Observer, The Sunnyvale Standard, The Mountain View Register-Leader, The Gilroy Dispatch, and The Pleasanton Times. He was a California delegate to the Democratic Conventions in 1956, supporting Adlai Stevenson, and in 1960, supporting John F. Kennedy.

He was Northern California Treasurer of the 1960 Kennedy campaign and he actively participated in many other campaigns, including those of Governors Pat and Jerry Brown, Senator John Tunney, Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN